

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Akio MAEDA et al.

Serial No. To be Assigned

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For: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: